

## BANKERS MEET IN THIS CITY IN ANNUAL SESSION

Almost Entire Membership  
Of Association Present  
At Opening Session Yesterday — Close Today

The Arizona Bankers' association opened its sixteenth annual convention in the American theater building in this city yesterday morning, with practically the entire state membership of 97 in attendance. The association will hold a final session at 10 o'clock this morning at which officers for the coming year will be elected.

At 10 o'clock, President of the Citizens' bank of Flagstaff, and president of the association, was in the chair at both morning and afternoon sessions yesterday. Rev. W. S. Buchanan, pastor of the Christian church, delivered the invocation, and Judge Richard E. Sloan the address of welcome. G. H. Sawyer, vice president of the Southern Arizona Bank & Trust Co., of Tucson, responded to Judge Sloan.

**Recommend Banking Act**  
Mr. Powers, in his address from the chair yesterday morning, spoke on the national and state financial and industrial conditions and recommended the adoption of the budget system by the federal government, as making for increased efficiency. He indicated that interference by the government in the affairs of industrial corporations has been a serious handicap to such organizations. After presenting figures on the output of copper and other minerals in Arizona during the last year, he recommended the preparation of a suitable banking act which will render banking forms uniform.

Reconvening at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the association first received reports from the law and practice committees and the executive council, and then was addressed by Dwight B. Heard, who spoke on "Long Staple Cotton in Arizona."

Mr. Heard pointed out that there is invested in cotton at the present time in the world approximately \$30,000,000,000, and that there are employed in the cotton industry approximately 8,000,000 persons. The value of the land on which cotton is grown, he continued, has been estimated at \$4,000,000,000 by groups of bankers who have studied this question through their statisticians.

**The World and Cotton**  
"Ninety per cent of the world's clothing is cotton," Mr. Heard quoted. "In 1909 there were produced 1,340,000 bales, which was increased in 1914 to 2,800,000 bales. In 1915 there were employed 13,000,000 spindles, and this number has been increased to 150,000,000 in 1918. Great Britain is the greatest spinner of cotton in the world, having 57,500,000 spindles. We have 24,000,000 and Germany and the rest of continental Europe has 44,000,000. Germany is very close to us, and before the war was becoming the world's greatest spinner of coarse cotton fabrics."

**The annual cotton crop of the world is worth \$3,000,000,000 in its raw state, and there is invested in it \$4,000,000,000. The value of the finished product in 1915 was \$15,000,000,000. In 1909 there were produced in the United States 73,000 bales of cotton, a figure which in 1914 had reached 161,250. Figures last year were below normal, reaching a total of but 117,000.**

**Egypt Our Competitor**  
"Egypt, where long staples have been grown for a century, is our greatest competitor. An analysis of the soils of the delta of the Nile, where most of Egypt's cotton is grown, shows that it is practically the same as the alluvial soils of the Salt River valley. Egypt had a total output of 1,300,000 bales in 1914, most of which was marketed at Alexandria. In 1915 there were 1,000,000 bales produced in Egypt."

Speaking of the pride which this valley takes in its 246 stands which are turning out an average of 450 bales a day which are worth \$275 each, Mr. Heard called the attention of the bankers to the fact that there is a total of 24,572 gins in the United States, as opposed to 18 which are now in the valley.

Proceeding then to a matter which vitally concerns the entire valley, Mr. Heard said:

"While we are very proud of the cotton industry in this valley and the growth it has made, the worst thing that we can do is to become a one-crop country. We must develop our land by a system of scientific and intelligent crop rotation. Our people must learn to raise on their lands the agricultural products by which we live. The south has learned this by grim necessity, although it was for many years a one-crop country."

**Officers Are Elected**

The growth of the cotton industry in the Salt River valley from prehistoric times, when a rough cloth was made from a native plant, until the present time, was then made by Mr. Heard, who spoke of the work done by David Fairchild and Thomas Kearney of the department of agriculture in the development of American Egyptian cotton. Mr. Heard, in speaking of present-day production in the valley, estimated that this year's crop, selling for 75 cents a pound, will be worth \$17,000,000.

After the conclusion of Mr. Heard's address a communication was read by Morris Goldwater of Prescott, secretary, from the Louisiana Bankers' association. After other minor business had been concluded the meeting was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, although all members of the American Bankers' association, who were present remained for an election of certain officers of that body which followed immediately.

At this election the following bankers were chosen to office: R. N. Fredericks, president of the Prescott State bank, member of Arizona executive council; M. L. Powers, president of the Citizens bank of Flagstaff, vice president for 1920-21 of the American Bankers' association for Arizona; Morris Goldwater, vice president of the Prescott State bank, and president of the Commercial Trust and Savings bank of Prescott, member of the 1920 nominating committee; W. H. Thomson, cashier of the Phoenix National bank, vice president of the national bank section for Arizona; M. B. Hazeltine, president of the Bank of Arizona of Prescott, vice president of the state bank section for Arizona; G. H. Sawyer, vice president and cashier of the Southern Arizona Bank and Trust company of Tucson, vice president of the trust company section for Arizona; W. C. Foster, secretary and treasurer of the Phoenix Savings Bank and Trust company, vice president of the savings bank section for Arizona.

**Dance and Supper**  
Delegates to the convention were entertained last night by an informal dance and buffet supper at the clubhouse of the Country club, and at the conclusion of business at noon today they will visit the fair. Many of them will attend the boxing exhibition at Alhambra tonight.

Addresses will be made at the convention this morning by R. E. Gilbert, manager of the El Paso branch of the Federal Reserve bank, who will speak on "Advantages of Membership in the Federal Reserve System," and by David T. Beale, assistant cashier of the Interstate National bank of Kansas City, Mo., whose subject will be "An Investment from Two Angles."

Election of officers of the association for the coming year will close the program today.

**ROCKY RIDGE HOPS IN PLANE; LOCKLEAR SOME TRAFFIC COP**

"Are these them things that go a ziky larkin' around in the air?" quiered a curious visitor at the state fair yesterday afternoon, as he gazed up at a biplane which was lined up on the landing strip after the finish of the Los Angeles-Phoenix air race. Assured that he was gazing upon the real flying article, the individual hastened to ask if there was any objection to his "throwing a leg across the saddle and tryin' a little broncho-bustin' in the clouds."

"What do you want, a little stunt flyin'?" asked Frank Clark, who won second place in the inter-state flight. "Shore. They calls me Rocky Ridge. I kin ride anything with four feet and I ain't reckonin' one of them things kin do any worse cuttin' up than Red Fire, the last broncho I busted in."

"You're on, Rocky Ridge, hop into the rear seat," invited Clark as he directed the master of quadrupeds to his plane.

Interested spectators saw Clark take his passenger up; saw the plane swoop sideways, then quickly right itself; make a mad dash, nose down, for the earth, then make a quick dart for higher altitudes. Suddenly two more planes whirled upward and cavorted above the fair grounds. Lieutenant Locklear was giving his exhibition flight, crawling with apparent ease, above, beneath, and all over his plane, finally changing from one plane to the other while in the air.

"Well, how did you like the ride, Rocky?" asked Clark as he brought his plane to a standstill on the landing ground.

"Well, I tell you, mister, I'm willing to trade Red Fire fer one of them things right this minnet, and I'm a givin' you anything you are a askin' to boot. At first I was a little mite disappointed. You jes' kep' a runnin' alone on the ground, an' I thought I was in fer another one of them order-moble rides. Last time I rode in one of them things they arrested me and the driver for a speedin' an' makin' too much noise with the engine. Fer a time I thought we was a goin' to get pinched this trip too. Durned if I knowed they had air cops, but did you see that one go after that other feller that was a flyin' so durned fast an' a makin' such infernal racket. Maybe you was too busy a guldin' to notice—but that air policeman shore caught

a feller right close to where he was. He had an awful chase. He got out on his flier an' waved his arms for the other feller to stop, but the other feller jes' kep' a goin', an' then this police officer he come up right under the other feller and grabbed onto a rope or somethin' that was a hangin' down like a loose bridge an' he crawled right up after the man that wouldn't pay no attention to him. I guess he must a had a time makin' the arrest though, fer he almost dropped often that rope. He jes' caught him by his toes, and hung there that away. I thought he was goin' to drop. Then of a sudden he seemed to feel his danger, an' made a desperate scramble to get to that driver. He made it all right an' purty soon, I seen 'em come a scootin' fer the ground. You know durn it, I got so plumb excited about that that chase I clean forgot I was in the air, an' it shore did make me feel funny when we hit the dust agin' an' I knowed I'd been flyin' an' didn't know it. How much will you charge to take me up fer a considerable trip?"

It took considerable explanation to make Rocky Ridge understand Lieu-

tenant Locklear was a remarkable acrobatic flier and not a traffic cop of the skies. He was told that Locklear received big pay for performing his daring feats.

"Durned ef I don't learn to do thet myself," decided Rocky.

Dr. O. E. Plath, for 25 years a prominent physician of this city, died yesterday morning at his home, 134 East Palm Lane, at the age of 55 years.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Moore and McLellan undertaking chapel. Burial will be in Cincinnati.

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Harry Lauder is to be the distinguished guest of the Phoenix Rotary club at luncheon today.

This international celebrity and one of the greatest comedians in the world, comes to this city today for two performances at the Elks theater. As he is a noted Rotarian and has been entertained by Rotary clubs all over the world, the Phoenix Rotarians are going to do honor to the distinguished visitor.

The luncheon will be at the Woman's club. Each Rotarian is privileged to take with him one guest. Sir Harry is going to make a brief address at the luncheon, and his famous band of Highland pipers are to be present and play. There also will be other features. Altogether, it is going to be an unusual occasion.

**COCHISE COUNTY GIRLS EXCEL IN CANNING**

The girls' canning demonstration team from Pomerene, Cochise county, opened the state championship canning contest yesterday by giving a creditable exhibition of the cold pack method of canning at the demonstration booth connected with the state fair.

**FAUCETT IN CITY**—Geo. R. Faucett of Tucson, arrived in the city yesterday and is stopping at the Commodore hotel.

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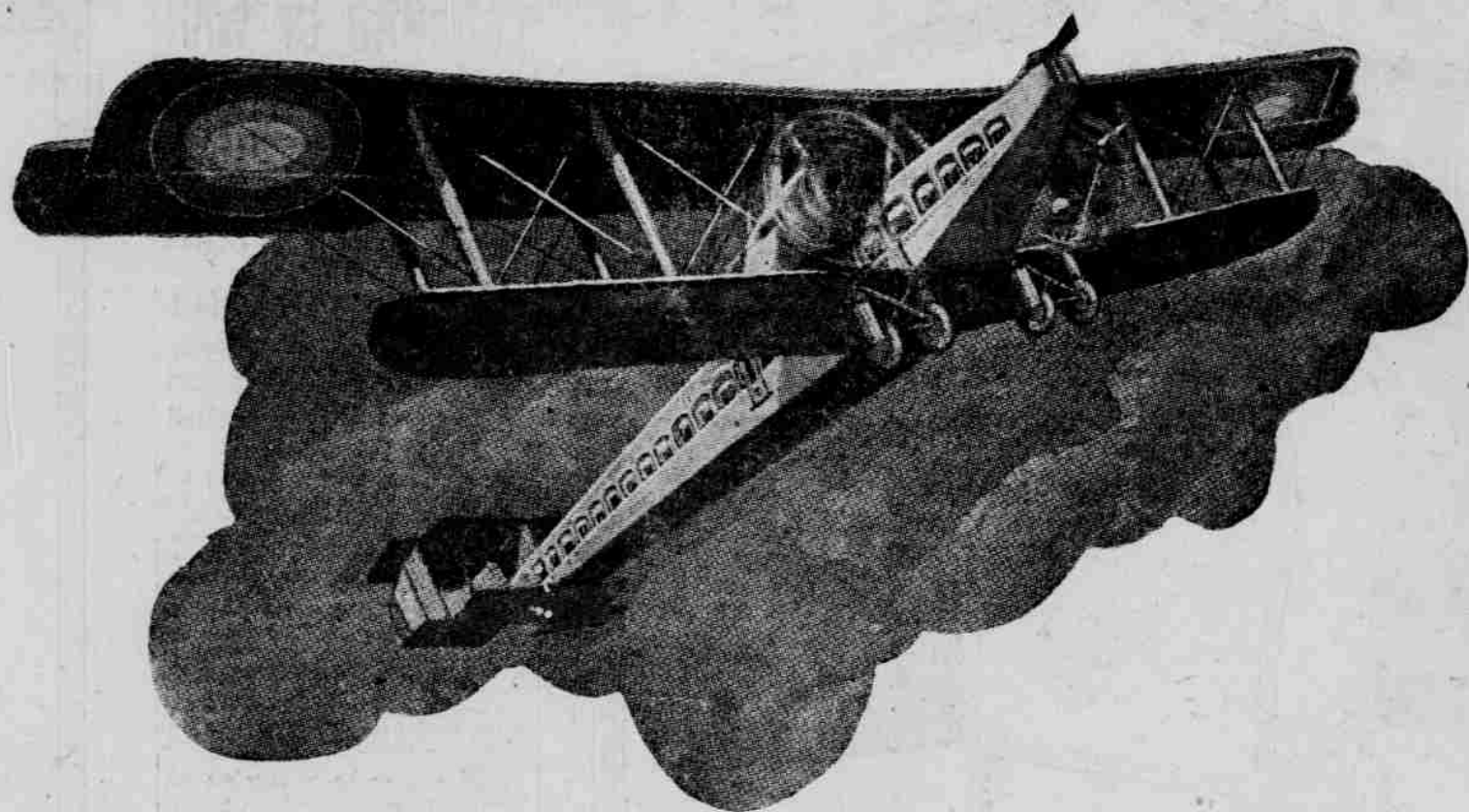
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